

**CLAYTON COUNTY RECOGNIZES
MARCH FOR MEALS MONTH
MARCH 2014**

- WHEREAS:** On March 22, 1972, President Richard Nixon signed into law a measure that amended the Older Americans Act of 1965 and established a national nutrition program for seniors 60 years and older; and
- WHEREAS:** The Meals on Wheels Association of America established the National March For Meals Campaign in March 2002 to recognize the historic month, the importance of Older Americans Act Senior Nutrition Programs, and to raise awareness about senior hunger in America; and
- WHEREAS:** The 2014 observance of the March For Meals campaign provides an opportunity to support Senior Nutrition Programs such as Clayton County Senior Services that delivers over 350 vital meals monthly and critical services by donating, volunteering, and raising awareness about senior hunger. During the week of March 17th, county Commissioners, elected officials, and county public safety officials will assist in delivering meals to one of the many seniors that depend on receiving a nutritious meal; and
- WHEREAS:** Volunteer drivers for the Meals On Wheels programs in Clayton County serve as the backbone of the program by not only delivering nutritious meals to homebound seniors and individuals with disabilities, but also by providing care and concern to the many homebound seniors receiving meals. The Clayton County Meals On Wheels program provides nutritious meals to seniors throughout the county and helps them avoid premature or unnecessary hospitalization and institutionalization; and
- WHEREAS:** Senior Nutrition Programs such as Clayton County's provide a powerful socialization opportunity for millions of seniors to help combat loneliness and isolation. They deserve recognition for the contributions made and will continue to make to local communities, our State, and our Nation; now
- THEREFORE:** I, JEFFREY E. TURNER, Chairman, on behalf of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2014 as March For Meals Month and urge every citizen to take time to honor our Senior Nutrition Programs, the seniors they serve, and the volunteers who care for them. Involvement in the national 2014 March For Meals campaign enriches our entire community and helps end senior hunger in America – *so no senior goes hungry*.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Clayton County, Georgia to be affixed this 4th day of March in the year two thousand fourteen.

Jeffrey E. Turner, Chairman